[002] The application claims priority from German Application Serial No. 103 02 023.3 filed January 21, 2003. [003] FIELD OF THE INVENTION [004] The present invention concerns a multi-stage transmission of planetary structure, in particular an automatic transmission for a motor vehicle, according to the preamble of Claim 1. [005] **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION** According to the invention this objective is achieved by the characterizing features of the independent Claims 1, 2 and 3. Advantages and further advantageous design features emerge from the subordinate claims. [012] SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION [016] In a second advantageous embodiment a shaft is permanently connected to the solar gearwheel of the second planetary gearset and to the web of the first planetary gearset, and another shaft is permanently connected to the solar gearwheel of the first planetary gearset. In addition, it is provided that a further shaft is permanently connected to the solar gearwheel of the third planetary gearset-(P3). Both the first and the second embodiment comprise two brakes and three clutches as shift elements. [017] Furthermore a third embodiment is proposed, which comprises three brakes and two clutches. In this case the annular gearwheel of the first planetary gearset can be connected to and released from the housing by a brake; a shaft is permanently connected to the solar gearwheel of the second planetary gearset, another shaft is permanently connected to the annular gearwheel of the first planetary gearset, and a sixth further shaft is permanently connected to the solar gearwheel of the third planetary gearset.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[026] Below, t The invention is explained in greater detail will now be described. by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings[[,]] in which show: [031] **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION PAGE 12** Reference numerals 0 Shaft 1 Shaft 2 Shaft 3 Shaft 4 Shaft 5 Shaft 6 Shaft 03 **Brake** [[4]] <u>04</u> **Brake** [[5]] <u>05</u> **Brake** [[6]] <u>13</u> Clutch 15 Clutch 16 Clutch 45 Clutch P1 planetary gearset P2 planetary gearset P3 planetary gearset An Drive input Ab Drive output Transmission ratio

Speed change

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